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## JACK DOYLE MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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## DOYLE ANNOUNCES EXTENDED BENEFITS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced the extension of benefits to county employees called to active military duty as a result of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attack on the United States. At this time it is uncertain how many Monroe County employees will be called to active duty.

"At this most difficult time for our nation, the men and women who answer the call of duty in our armed forces deserve our full support," said Doyle. "Extending benefits for our employees who have been called to active duty is just one small way we can show our support to them and their families. This support also means that there is one less thing to worry about if deployed away from home and loved ones."

The County Executive's extended benefits package for those on active military duty includes a provision to continue county medical and dental benefits for dependent family members for the duration of the call-up period.

In addition, employees on active military duty would have the option of collecting pay using accumulated vacation and compensatory leave credits after military leave is exhausted.

The employees would also receive supplemental pay once vacation and compensatory leave credits are exhausted. Supplemental pay would equal the difference between the employee's regular base county pay and their military pay (including food and housing allowance). The supplemental pay would be in effect, if necessary, for the duration of the military call to active duty.

"The sacrifice of county employees who will be called to active duty is a great one, placing them in harms way and taking them away from family and friends" Doyle said. "As a community we need to support all of our sons and daughters in military service and as an employer it is important that we acknowledge the sacrifice of these brave individuals and offer our full support to both them and their families."

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